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PATENT

Customer No. 22,852

Attorney Docket No. 9179.0001

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Byron Scott DERRINGER )  
Application No.: 09/988,376 ) Group Art Unit: 2632  
Filed: November 19, 2001 ) Examiner: J. A. Tweel, Jr.  
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR )  
WARNING AND DETECTING )  
DEBRIS LOCATED ON AIRPORT )  
RUNWAY SURFACE )

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Sir:

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Enclosed is a reply to the Office Action of March 13, 2003. The item(s) checked below are appropriate:

- Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) for a [number] month(s) extension of time to respond to the above Office Action. The fee of \$[Fee] for the Extension is enclosed.

The claims are calculated below:

|   | Claims Remaining<br>After Amendment |   | Highest Number<br>Previously Paid | Present<br>Extra               | Rate    | Additional<br>Fee |
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| Total   | 43                                  | - | 41                                | 2                              | x \$ 18 | \$ 36.00          |
| Indep.  | 9                                   | - | 7                                 | 2                              | x \$ 84 | 168.00            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim(s) |                                     |   |                                   | +\$280                         |         | 0.0               |
|   |                                     |   |                                   | Subtotal                       |         | \$ 204.00         |
|   |                                     |   |                                   | Reduction by ½ if small entity |         | - 0.0             |
|   |                                     |   |                                   | TOTAL                          |         | \$ 204.00         |

- A fee of \$204.00 to cover the cost of the additional claims added by this reply is enclosed.
- A fee of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to cover \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.
- A check for \$204.00 to cover the above fee is enclosed.

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Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT

In reply to the Official Action dated March 13, 2003, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph 6 to read as follows:

Consequently, due to recent aviation catastrophes or near disasters that are attributable to objects or other debris on the airport runway surface when the aircraft are either taking off or landing, there is a need to develop an apparatus and system to locate, characterize, and alert appropriate airport personnel to the presence of objects or other debris on airport runways.

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